

## MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division  
Thursday, March 23, 2006  
12:00 Room 107 Capitol

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson  
Bachmann  
Bakk  
Cohen  
Dibble  
Dille  
Frederickson  
Jungbauer  
Kubly  
Metzen  
Pariseau  
Rosen  
Sams  
Vickerman

### MEMBERS ABSENT

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Pat Sexton and John Gross from the Minnesota Department of Commerce testified on the Governor's supplemental budget proposal.

Senator Rosen presented SF2396, an appropriation bill for the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center known as (Farm America). Bill Hoversten, Executive Director testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion on the omnibus bill.

Senator Larson presented SF2719, a grant to the West Central Initiative in Fergus Falls to implement and operate Northern Connections, a pilot workforce program. Debra Carpenter, West Central Initiative and Jon Evert, Board President Fergus Falls Northern Connection testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Skoe presented SF2922 an appropriation to the Board of Animal Health for testing cattle herds for tuberculosis. Senator Skoe presented the SCS2922A-1, a delete all amendment which includes SF2926. There was an amendment to the amendment on line 1.16 after continuing add or. The amendment was adopted. Dr. Hartmann from the Board of Animal Health and Mark Probst, Rancher testified in support of the bill. Mike Doncarlos, DNR testified on the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Skoe presented SF2923, a bill to de-populate deer near TB infected cattle herds. Dr. Hartmann from the Animal Health Board and Mike Doncarlos from the DNR testified on the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Sams presented SF3463, a bill to appropriate money from LCMR regarding vetoed projects. John Velin, Director, LCMR testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over.

Continuation of the Governor's supplemental budget proposal.

Legislative Commission on MN Resources – John Velin, Director

Board of Animal Health – Dr. Hartmann, Director

Boxing Board – Scott LeDoux

Department of Employment & Econ. Dev. – Gene Goddard, Bioscience  
Terry Kuhlman, PFA; Chuck Hamilton, DEED

Department of Labor & Industry, Commissioner Scott Brenner

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

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**Chair: Senator Dallas Sams**  
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## **Agenda**

Overview of Governor's supplemental budget proposal:

Department of Commerce  
Pat Sexton Petro Fund  
John Gross MCHA

SF2396-Rosen: Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center grant  
James Tippy  
Steve Melcher

SF2719-Larson: Fergus Falls Northern Connection pilot project  
Debra Carpenter, West Central Initiative  
Jon Evert, Board President, Fergus Falls Northern Connection

SF2922-Skoe: Animal Health Board, cattle herds TB testing  
Dr. Hartmann, Board of Animal Health  
Mark Probst, Rancher

SF2923-Skoe: Deer de-population near TB infected cattle herds

SF2926-Skoe: Crop protection assistance

SF3184-Skoe: Beef cattle diagnostic team pilot project

SF3463-Sams: Appropriating money to Minnesota Resources  
John Velin, Director, LCMR

Overview of Governor's supplemental budget proposal:

Architecture, Engineering board - Doreen Frost, Executive Director

Boxing Board – Scott LeDoux

Department of Employment & Economic Development –

Department of Labor & Industry –  
John Rajkowski,  
Cindy Farrell, Chief Financial Officer

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources – John Velin, Director